(b) No, Sir. Round the clock track patrolling was being done at vulnerable locations as per extant instructions.

(c) No, Sir. Charts of reserved coaches were furnished.

Eunuchs in trains

1426. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that eunuches are freely entering in the reserved compartments and harassing the passengers by demanding money in almost all Express/Mail trains thus threatening the security of the passengers; and

(b) if so, steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Some instances of eunuchs entering in the reserved compartments have come to notice. Regular drives are being conducted by ticket checking staff against the menace of unauthorized persons including eunuchs in reserved compartments in association with Railway Protection Force personnel and Government Railway Police so that passengers are not inconvenienced.

Hapur-Moradabad Rail Route

1427. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to lay down double line on Hapur-Moradabad rail route; if so, the time schedule and if not. the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Railways are aware that passenger trains and goods trains both run late by several hours due to single railway line there resulting in undue delay in the transportation of goods; and

(c) if so, whether Railways propose to make specific provisions in the budget to convert this line in the next two years, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. The work of doubling of Hapur-Moradabad has been taken up. Amroha-Moradabad is targeted for completion during 2003-04. The target of other sections have not yet been fixed and completion would depend upon availability of resources.

(b) Some trains that delayed due to single line working on this route.

Railway wagons

†1428. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wagons purchased by the Railways during preceding years are unfit to be run on the railway tracks of the country due to their weak structure;

(b) if so, the total number of such wagons along with the time of their purchase and cost thereof; and

(c) the parts of the country where these wagons are lying unutilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. Wagons purchased by the Railways during preceding years are being utilized fully. In order to reduce the speed differential between passenger and goods trains, a new design of High Speed BOXN wagon (BOXNHA) with speed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.